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## ATTEMPT TO LOOT WHITESVILLE BANK

### Hold-Up Fails, Two Captured, Now in Owensboro Jail

(Owensboro Messenger, Nov. 1.)  
Chester Baum, age 18, of Decatur, Ill., attempted to hold up the Bank of Whitesville, yesterday afternoon about 2:45 o'clock. He is in the county jail charged with attempting to rob the bank. Berkley Conley, age 20, of Owensboro is also in jail, charged with aiding and abetting Baum.

Morton J. Holbrook, cashier of the bank, was alone in the bank when young Baum entered quietly. Holbrook was working on his books at the teller's window and when he looked up, he looked into the muzzle of a blue steel 38 special Smith & Wesson held by a masked man, who commanded Holbrook to "stick 'em up."

Instead of complying with the command, Mr. Holbrook dropped below the level of the counter and seizing a revolver that is kept under the counter, fired five shots thru the partition. The bandit fired only one shot before taking to his heels.

Though the shots were fired in rapid succession, the noise attracted the attention of perhaps twenty men, who saw Baum leave the bank on a fast run and take to the open fields. A number of the citizens hastily secured arms and gave chase, while others took up the pursuit without waiting to arm themselves, but keeping a safe distance between them and the bandit.

Some distance from the bank, Baum joined Conley, with whom he had come to Whitesville from the nearby farm, at which they were staying and they made off together.

About an hour after the attempted holdup Baum was captured without a struggle, when he was found hiding in a ditch in an open field. It was nearly 5 o'clock when County Commissioner, W. B. Barrett, Ed Brown, Lewis Higdon and Vernon Sapp, captured Conley about three and one-half miles from Whitesville. Conley was not taken until after a foot race of probably a quarter of a mile.

#### Baum Identified.

When Baum was brought back into Whitesville, he was positively identified as the bandit who had attempted the holdup and very quickly admitted the fact. He said that he had been thinking about robbing the bank for about a week and decided that it was a good time to do it. He said that Conley had no hand in the robbery, but that Conley came to town with him and that Conley knew what he was coming for.

#### Deal by Conley.

Conley after his capture said that he knew absolutely nothing about the intended robbery until Baum came running to him after it had occurred and said "Come on, they are right after us." Conley then asked what they were after them for and Baum replied that he had attempted to hold up the bank. Conley says that he then told Baum he was a fool, but the two took to their heels and Conley kept on his way, even after Baum sought shelter in the ditch.

Baum has been living with his parents in Decatur, Ill., until about four weeks ago when he came to Owensboro and spent two weeks before going to Whitesville. When here he worked for three days at the canning factory. His father was a tenant on Isaac Wells' farm near Whitesville, for nine years.

Berkley Conley, formerly a taxi driver, married a double cousin of Baum's. He said that he too, had been working at the canning company but that the season is over and he had been informed that there was no more work for him. He lives with his wife's family at 720 Clay street. He is the father of an eight months old child.

Conley was the driver of the car that ran over and killed eight-year-old Martine Trego, in South Triplett street, two years ago.

Deputy Sheriff, Jim Cooper, brought Baum to Owensboro and Chief of Police Lyons brought in Conley. Both were taken before Squire

Hite, who fixed their bonds at \$1,000 each, in default of which both men went to jail. The time for the holding of the examining trial was not set.

There is a standing reward of \$1,000 offered by the Kentucky Bankers' association for the arrest and conviction of any person who holds up or attempts to hold up a bank in the state of Kentucky.

#### ALLEN-McCOY

Miss Sudie Combs Allen and Mr. Sep McCoy, both of Hartford, went to Rockport, Ind., Tuesday, Oct. 31, where they were joined in marriage.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. Clarence Allen and Mrs. Verna Bennett Allen, deceased. She was reared from early infancy by her grandmother, Mrs. Florence Allen. She is an attractive and highly esteemed young lady. The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. McCoy, of Hartford, an industrious and popular young man. He is a mechanic and operates a garage at Echols, where the young couple plan to commence housekeeping at an early date.

## KLAN ENDANGERS PEACE OF KANSAS

Governor Allen Says One Pistol Shot Would Cause Civil War.

Great Bend, Kan., Oct. 31.—One pistol shot could produce a state of civil war in Kansas similar to that in Ireland, according to Gov. Henry J. Allen, who continued his attacks on the Ku Klux Klan here yesterday.

His speech was a part of a series of political addresses in his pre-election tour, but the latter portion of it was devoted to a denunciation of religious bigotry and community hatred.

Voicing opposition to the klan, not only because of its attitude toward some community questions but also because of manner in which its activities are said to be carried out, the Governor told his audience:

"As a fellow American having the same impulses that you have, I am opposed to the klan because it suggests terrorism and outlawry and by use of disguise, men having a desire to revenge themselves go out and say: 'We will go out and thrash this fellow.'"

Pointing out that he was not condemning the klan from any personal beliefs or prejudices, the Executive said: "I am not against your organization because you don't like the Catholic Church."

"I am not a Catholic. I am a Methodist and a Thirty-second degree Mason and a Knight Templar. I belong to all of these organizations, I belong to everything except the Knights of Columbus and the Ku Klux Klan."

After drawing a comparison between the conditions in Kansas and those in Ireland, and telling of requests his office had received from men to be allowed to arm to defend themselves, "because they were frightened," the Governor asked, "do you want turned loose in this State the horrors of a civil war?"

"God forbid such a war, and yet what can you suggest to the negroes of the State, in some communities of which there are thousands, when the old Ku Klux Klan that terrified them fifty-five years ago is again riding at night? Can you expect them not to take any means whatever to protect themselves?"

"Ireland is fighting over a quarrel that is 800 years old, but we curb it in America when we wrote the Constitution that all men should have the right to worship God according to their own ideas."

#### GOVERNOR MORROW STOPS IN HARTFORD

Governor Edwin P. Morrow, who spoke in Evansville, Ind., yesterday, will make a short stay in Hartford this morning, enroute from the Indiana city to Morgantown, where he is to deliver an address this afternoon. It was expected that the Governor would arrive here near 7 o'clock.

#### LADIES AID TO MEET

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist Church will meet Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 7, with Mrs. A. K. Anderson. A full attendance is much desired.

## DARK LEAF POOL GOES OVER TOP

### 58,158 Growers Sign Contracts, 74 Per Cent Controlled.

Hopkinsville, Oct. 31.—The Dark Tobacco Growers' Cooperative association officially was declared formed today in a resolution adopted unanimously by the executive, county and organization committees in session here when it was learned that 58,158 farmers had pledged more than 74 per cent of the total tobacco acreage in the entire district.

Of the fifty-one counties covered by the campaign only eight failed to go over the top and in every case where this appeared it was found that a late start had been made in the organization work.

The largest county in the district, Robertson, Tenn., where there are 20,000 acres, 72 per cent of the total was pledged.

Breckinridge county leads the entire list with a pledged percentage of 95 per cent.

#### General Elections Nov. 18

Upon the formation of the association, resolutions were passed authorizing the executive committee to appoint a number of other advisory bodies to act immediately in matters of importance before the general elections are held on November 18.

One of these sub-committees will investigate the warehouse situation; another will prepare for the publication of a monthly cooperative magazine; a third will district the association area for the election of directors; a fourth will act as an advisory finance board; another will establish a standard of grades and the last one will endeavor to facilitate the office organization and management.

Judge Robert W. Bingham chairman of the executive committee, outlined the work to be done in the next three weeks and, with Joseph Passonneau, organization manager, submitted the various resolutions adopted.

The executive body appointed the following five men to the election and districting committee: George Rudy, George H. Goodman, R. H. McDaniel, Guthrie Coke and A. G. Crutchfield. These men announced a tentative district arrangement.

District No. 1 will comprise the Northwest section of Robertson county; No. 2, the Southeast section of Robertson county and Sumner and Davidson counties; No. 3, the Northern section of Montgomery county; No. 4, the Southern section of Montgomery, Cheatham and Dickson counties; No. 5, Henry and Weakley counties; No. 6, Obion, Fulton, Hickman and the three Southern districts of Graves county; No. 7, the remainder of Graves county; No. 8, Carlisle, Ballard, McCracken and Livingston counties; No. 9, Calloway; No. 10, Marshall and Lyon counties; No. 11, Caldwell and a part of Trigg; No. 12, South Christian and Stewart counties; No. 13, North Christian and Muhlenberg; No. 14, Todd; No. 15, Dark Fired section of Logan county; No. 18, Webster, Hopkins and Crittenden counties; No. 19, Ohio and McLean counties; No. 20, the Eastern section of Daviess county; No. 21, Spencer (Ind.) Hancock, Breckinridge and Western section of Daviess county; No. 22, One-Sucker section of Logan county, and Warren, Simpson and Butler counties; No. 23 all other One-Sucker counties.

On Wednesday, November 8, the delegates will be nominated, and on the 17th they will be elected.

The following day they will choose the association directors.

On November 20th the first business meeting will be held in Hopkinsville.

#### CENTERTOWN P. T. A.

The Parent-Teacher Association of Centertown held an interesting meeting October 27. A large crowd was present and many new members were received, which makes the future success of the Association certain.

An interesting program on prohibition was rendered by the school.

## ACCUSED PASTOR PREACHES SERMON

On Trial For Murder, Says Women Cause Downfall of Men.

Statesboro, Ga., Oct. 31.—When the Rev. Elliott Padrick, on trial for the alleged murder of his wife and her mother, Mrs. M. B. Dixon, took the stand in his own behalf here today, his first act was to lead the courtroom in prayer, after which he proceeded to deliver a sermon on the text "Thou Shalt Not—," which probably was the most dramatic defense statement ever offered in a courtroom in this State.

During the presentation of his statement, Padrick became so excited it was necessary for one of his attorneys to call a halt, and when instructed to "sit down," the young minister walked deliberately over to a water cooler, drank a glass of water and returned to his attorneys' table, where he sat down, closed his eyes and appeared to drop off in sleep.

In his prayer, Padrick asked for Divine guidance for the court, the future of the church and the people of Statesboro. He then turned to the jury and delivered a short sermon. He declared the women of today were causing the downfall of men, enticing them by their daily dress and playing to them thru sex appeal. He said it was difficult for a young minister to enter the gospel because of the temptation of modern women.

The dramatic part of the minister's defense sermon was reached when he singled out his father-in-law, the father of his dead bride, pointed his finger at him and declared: "You are responsible for me marrying your daughter." He told the jury that Mr. Dixon had insisted upon the wedding.

Padrick told of the alleged jealousy of his mother-in-law, whom he admits he killed.

"She would often beat her daughter because Willie Mae was admired by other men when she went to town," he said.

The prosecution later in the day placed witnesses upon the stand to prove Padrick's sanity.

#### LOCAL MAN PAINFULLY CUT IN ALTERCATION

J. C. Casebier, proprietor of "Heg's" Restaurant, located in the R. B. Martin building on Main street, received painful knife wounds at the hands of Raymond Phillips, also of Hartford, last Saturday evening at about 6 o'clock. Altogether, it is said, the wounds totaled as much as 24 inches in length, one of which, upon the neck or throat, barely missed being fatal.

Reports are that Phillips entered the restaurant in a somewhat intoxicated condition and became rather boisterous and was ordered from the room by Casebier, bringing on the altercation and mix-up in which the knife wounds were inflicted, in the front door or upon the pavement just outside. Casebier has been doing well, and unless complications arise will rapidly recover.

Phillips was arrested by Sheriff Ralph and upon his waiving examining trial was placed under bond to await action of the grand jury.

#### SOUTHARD-MAY

Miss Vena Southard and Mr. Van May Jr., each of whom reside at Simmons, came to Hartford yesterday after procuring the necessary permit, were joined in wedlock, at the Methodist parsonage by the Rev. T. T. Frazier.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Southard and the bridegroom is a son of Mr. Van May, Sr., of the Horton country. Both are popular and have many friends who wish them well.

#### MRS. SYLVESTER SHOWN

Mrs. Sylvester Shown, aged 66 years, 6 months and 21 days, died at her home in Boda, Oct. 29, at 7 a. m., a victim of pneumonia. She had been ill ten days. She was a consistent member of the M. E. Church, a kind hearted and a well beliked lady. She was a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Davis, and was reared in Hartford.

The deceased is survived by her husband, three daughters and two

sons; Mesdames William Crabtree of the Washington country, Clarence Patton, Rural Route 6, Hartford, Walter B. Campbell, Hartford and Arlie, of Heflin, and Robert Shown of the Boda community.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. R. T. Harper, at Mt. Hermon Monday morning at 10 o'clock and the remains buried in the cemetery adjacent thereto.

#### OHIO COUNTY IN POOL

While Ohio County did not pool as large a percentage of her tobacco as was expected some time ago, yet she did fairly well in face of the opposition manifested in certain quarters. The survey, or census, showed 7,399 acres of tobacco and the books shows 5,243 acres signed up, making the percentage slightly above 70.

It is said that several contracts duly executed prior to the closing date were signed and probably not received, enough perhaps to run the total to 5,300 leaving about 2,000 acres unpooled. Elsewhere in this issue the general results may be found.

## NO ELECTIONS FOR SCHOOL TRUSTEES

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 1.—The 1922 act relating to the election of school trustees repeals the 1920 act, and school commissioners now in office will hold until the provisions of the 1922 act become operative in 1923, the Court of Appeals held today, in overruling the motion to dissolve the temporary injunction granted Nick Reid in the Bath Circuit Court, enjoining County Clerk Cole Barnes from placing the names of candidates on the ballot.

The order was written by Judge Ernest Clarke, and was concurred in by Chief Justice Rollin Hurt and Judges Gus Thomas and Charles Moorman.

Judge Clarke held that the clerk had no authority to place the name of candidates on the ballot for the November election and that the circuit judge of Bath County did right in issuing the restraining order. Judge Clarke also held that the present incumbent who was elected for two years and until his successor "shall have been elected and qualified under the act of 1920, will remain in office until the act of 1922, which divides the counties into new districts, becomes operative."

#### ORDINATION SERVICES

Rev. W. T. Lawrence, of Equality, who is the son of a Minister, Rev. G. H. Lawrence, of Burkesville, was ordained a minister of the gospel by the Baptist Church Authorities, at Smallhouse Baptist Church, Sunday, Oct. 29. The examination was conducted by the Rev. John A. Bennett, while Rev. Birch Shields was present in the capacity of Clerk. Rev. R. E. Fugua, pastor; Res. W. C. Taylor and G. H. Lawrence were also present.

Dinner was served on the grounds and a large congregation present. The newly ordained Minister is to be associational missionary in the Greenup Association.

#### MRS. ODIE D. HARPER GIVEN SURPRISE

On Tuesday, October 31, a number of friends and relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Odie D. Harper, gathered at the home of Rev. and Mrs. R. T. Harper, of near Hartford and surprised Mrs. Odie Harper by bringing their well-filled baskets with good things to eat in honor of her 19th birthday anniversary. In the afternoon a kitchen shower was given Mr. and Mrs. Odie Harper, who have just recently married. More than two hundred presents were given and were greatly appreciated by the recipients. All present had a most enjoyable day. The pupils of Mr. Harper's school were present to partake of the bounteous feast.

#### REVIVAL AT GOSHEN

A revival of much interest has been in progress at the Goshen M. E. Church, S. since Tuesday of last week. To date, there have been 11 professions. Rev. T. T. Frazier, the Pastor, has been doing the preaching. The meeting will likely close tomorrow.

## POLICEMAN KILLS CORBIN STRIKER

### Threatened By Mob, Held Under Guard, Taken To Williamsburg

Corbin, Ky., Nov. 1.—Policeman George Marcum, formerly of Middlesboro and London, shot and killed Cy Davis, 26 years old, a former L. & N. shopman, in a vacant lot back of the Smith Hotel early this morning, following which feeling was aroused to such a high pitch that Marcum, who gave himself up to Mayor John Gilliam, was held under guard, in a garage until daybreak, when he was removed to the jail at Williamsburg.

Rumors of threats against Marcum were heard after the shooting, and National Guardsmen and United States Deputy Marshals remained on Half an hour after they retired a fus-guard until 3 o'clock this morning. Illade of shots were fired in South Corbin and the guards sprang to their arms again, fearing that friends of the slain man were coming to "get" Marcum. However, there was no attempt.

The outbreak is the first since the shooting on October 23 of Lige Paige, an L. & N. guard, who died at Louisville at 1 o'clock this morning. The authorities have been able to develop no clue in the Paige shooting case.

#### Mystery In Killing.

Considerable mystery surrounds the killing of Davis. Shortly after the shooting Marcum ran into the lobby of the hotel, broke his gun in the presence of several spectators and surrendered himself to Mayor Gilliam, saying, "I've just killed a man."

Marcum said that Davis had been "shooting up the town," and that when he tried to arrest him, Davis shot at him. Marcum said that he then seized Davis' gun and shot him twice.

However, Davis was shot four times it was discovered. The bullet which probably proved fatal broke his neck.

When Marcum broke his gun there were only two empty shells in it.

A witness who was in the vicinity of the hotel said that five shots were fired in the rear of the hotel before Marcum came up, just as the last shot was fired. Marcum went down an alley to the rear of the hotel and two more shots were heard. This does not coincide with Marcum's story that Davis fired at him and was then shot twice by the officer.

Reports were that three men were taking part in the shooting before Marcum came on the scene.

#### Trouble Follows Arrest.

Considerable trouble followed after the surrender of Marcum. Fred Early was appointed special policeman by Mayor Gilliam to guard Marcum. Because of fear of an outburst against the sayer, Marcum was guarded in the Corbin Garage & Sales Company's shop.

Deputy Sheriff Barker, father-in-law of Davis, then came on the scene from his home in South Corbin and demanded that Marcum be placed under arrest on a regular warrant.

Magistrate Chestnut held the inquest before Barker arrived. Barker then demanded that a warrant be issued. This was done by Squire Chestnut, who called Deputy Sheriff King Carr to serve it.

Barker then went to the garage and demanded of Early, the special policeman, that the prisoner be turned over to him. Guns flashed and it was feared that there would be another shooting.

#### Shooting Breaks Out.

Mayor Gilliam refused to turn over the prisoner. It was half an hour after this that the shooting broke out in South Corbin.

The Mayor then ordered that both Early and Deputy Sheriff King Carr guard the prisoner and Marcum was taken to Williamsburg on the 6 o'clock train this morning.

Marcum came here from Middlesboro three months ago. He had formerly been on the police force at Corbin.

Corbin is in a state of tumult, many men being armed. No reinforcement of the National Guards, however, has been asked.